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TO THEE
Charls Stuart
KING
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ENGLAND,

Am I moved of the Lord to write; and to
Thee it is the visitation of his love, through him
whose travel hath been for Thee, *that Thy soul*
may be saved in the day of the Lord; therefore
bear that thy soul may live, and Thy dyes be pro-
longed in the house of Thy pilgrimage.

F R T B N D S

Thou hast been a man of sufferings,
and deep sorrows have past over
Thee; The Lord (at length) hath
brought Thee into a Land of peace,
and set Thee upon Thy Fathers
Throne, and bowed the hearts of the people under
Thee, so and after such a manner as was beyond
the thoughts of Thee, or any, that thus it should
be; and now what remaineth, but that Thou love

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the Lord, and fear before him all thy dayes, that it may be well with Thee and Thy posterity after Thee ; and for this purpose, that Thou heed his principle in thee, which shews Thee evil, the end and compasie of all Thy actions, the thoughts of Thy heart, and Thy secrets upon thy Bed, that so out of, and from transgression Thou may come, & be led into the Kingdome of God, which consists in righteousness, and peace, and joy in the holy Ghost, and the blessing of God may be on Thee, and peace and rest within Thy borders ; for of this Thou art not ignorant as having largely tasted of the Cup, that man suffereth for sin, and that promotion cometh neither from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South, but God is Judge, he putteth down one and setteth up another, who is come to set his King upon his Holy Hill of *Sion*, His principle in man to reign for ever, unto which men shall bring the forces of the Gentiles, and their Kings shall be brought, and the glory of *Lebanon* shall come, the Fir-Tree, and the Pine-Tree, and the Box-tree (men of all sorts) together to beautifie the place of his Sanctuary, who will make the place of his feet glorious, and the Nation and Kingdom that will not serve it shall perish ; yea those Nations shall be utterly wasted, and the sons of those that afflicted it shall come bending unto it, and all those that despised it shall bow themselves down at the soles of its feet, and they shall call it the City of the Lord, the *Sion* of the Holy One of *Israel* ; and whereas it hath been forsaken and hated so that no man passed through it, he will make it an eternal excellency, a joy of many

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ny Generations, it shall also suck the Milk of the Gentiles, and the breasts of Kings, and it shall know that the Lord is its Saviour, and Redeemer, the Mighty one of Jacob; in its dayes Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely, and the name by which it shall be called, is the *Lord our Righteousness*, and it shall no more be said, the *Lord liveth*, which brought the children of Israel out of the Land of Egypt, but the Lord liveth which brought up, and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the North Country, and from all Countrys whether the Lord had driven them, and they shall dwell in their own Land, the Lord hath spoken it; and the day is come wherein the Lord hath raised unto David a righteous Branch, and a King reigneth and prospers; that executes Justice and Judgement in the earth, whose Dominion is an everlasting Dominion, and his Kingdom that which shall not passe away, in which Thou mayest reign and live for ever. Moved of the Lord God Almighty, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, who hath seen thy affliction and adversity, and delivered Thee; in much Bowels of love am I thus ~~to~~ to write,

Whom the world in scorn calls
~~Quaker~~, but am known by
the name of
Bristol, the 27 of George Bishop.
the 4th month, 1660.

T O C. S. K.

Although Pharoah the King, said unto Moses the Heards-man, *Who is the Lord that I should fear him?* yet the Mighty God which was with the meek Heards-man through many of his sore Judgements, lastly led the presumptuous King with his vast Host to a doleful doom of destruction; And the Cryer cryeth, *All flesh is grass, and the glory thereof as the flower of the field,* the which is very changeable, and so are all powers under the Sun, which stand not in the humblenesse and meeknesse, and fear, and righteousnesse, like as Moses and David did in the power of the Lord God, which rules in the Kingdomes of men, and giveth it unto whomsoever he pleaseth; he hath tryed divers, and because of a deficiency in them, hath restored the earthly Scepter unto Thee, who according to the natural seed art heir born unto the same; Wherefore now these things the same God Almighty looketh for at Thy hands, which thou shalt do with a careful heart before him.

Thou shalt hearken unto all his admonitions (which shall be for good unto thee, if Thou lovest them) as did David the King unto the reprehension of Nathan the Prophet, and shall fear and repent before him.

Thou shalt rule as Moses did the Israel of God,

God, in the righteousness of the Judgment of truth; Thou shalt break every heavy yoke, and let the oppressed goe free in the Land, and be a relief unto the Widdow and to the Orphan, *for through the lowing of the oppresedcattel, my soul is provoked unto jealousy saith the Lord God of judgement.*

Thou shalt remember therefore not to strengthen the hands of sinners and evil doers, *against the innocent to oppresse them, for which cause I am full of jealousy in the Land, even for my remnants sake, saith the Lord God of the whole earth.*

Thou shalt look to the Ordinances, Statutes and Laws, that they all may answer that of God in Thy own conscience, that they may not oppress the same measure of God in the consciences of any other; *For it is my seat, saith the Lord of the whole earth, and whosoever seeketh to thrust me out of my seat by a power, him by my power I will thrust out of his seat, saith the Lord God who ruleth in the Kingdoms of men, and giveth it unto whomsoever he pleaseth.*

That Thou mayst therefore stand in his pleasure and posseſſe it; Thou shalt do the thing which is holy, which is pure, which is chast, which is just without respect of persons, which is equal without taking parties, which is righteous unto all, for the sake of the righteousness of God (which we know hath bin revealed in judgment on the unrighteous before thee) which is meek, that thou mayst inherit the earth; which is merciful, that Thou maist be bound under the Covenant of the everlasting mercy of God in his infinite grace of life immortal; which is humble, yea, in more humility shalt thou live

live before the Almighty God; then have done any
of thy progenitors; and so, then will the Lord ex-
alt thee seavenfold above all them which preceed-
ed thee.

Thou shalt meditate the peace of a great people
in thy Land and Dominion, and shalt ask wisdome
and counsell of the Lord God to rule and to judge
the Nation aright.

Thou shalt meditate in secret the dreadfull Arm
and Almighty power of the Lord God, with thy
whole mind turned into his pure light which thi-
neth in thy conscience, and shalt wait upon the
Lord in that single principle of his heavenly grace;
thou shalt abide in spirit and mind unto God in the
same light within thee, and then will the Lord God
abide with thee, for an exceeding good unto thee;
but if thou slightest him there, and forsakesst him in
the light in thy own conscience, then will he also
slight thee as the other chasse before thee, and by
his withdrawing make thee as the darknesse of *Egypt*;
and through an utter forsaking leave thee as
the wildernesse of sin.

This is the day of thy visitation, saith the Lord
God which holdeth Judgment and Mercy; More-
over, hear the word of the Lord God, whose power
divideth Nations (which drove Nebuchadnezzar the
King from his Throne, until seaven times passed o-
ver his head, and that his nails became as birds
claws, and his hair like eagles feathers, and that
he became to know that the most High reigned in
the Kingdomes of men, and giveth it unto whom-
soever he pleaseth) Behold the Seas shall roar, and
the earth shall reel, and the Isles shall melt as the
morning hoar, and the powers of the earth passe a-
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way as the early dew, yea, all shall sink as the plummet by the wall, and as the lead which is cast to sound the deep, until he be known to come in the glory and power of his light to reigne, whose right it is; be it known unto thee, that God is light, the light therefore reigning in thee, then he reigns whose right it is, for the earth is the Lords and the fulness thereof is his, unto whose Scepter all Nations shall be subject, whose Kingdome shall be an everlasting Kingdome, and of his dominion there shall be no end.

Thou shalt remember with a careful heart to set up such Judges and Rulers in the Realm under thee, which shall do the thing which the Lord God requires of thee to do, *For I will restore unto my people judges as at the first, and counsellors as in the beginning, saith the Lord God Almighty.*

Thou shalt often read in the book of the *Chronicles* of the Kings, to know the curse and end of the evil, and the blessing and the Crown of the good; Thou shalt follow the good and eschew the evil, that the evil may be removed from thy door, and the blessing fill thy house, *For the treasures of judgement are with me, saith the God of all power, which created man of the dust of the ground.*

Thou shalt watch in the zeale of the Righteousness of God, that thy name be not made a cloak of unjust and oppressive deeds by the wicked, *For which thing I was wroth, saith the Lord, and have rent the dominion from his house which ruled before thee.*

Thou shalt remember the Counsell of *Solomon* the wise King to keep it, least in hating reproof, and mocking at the correction and admonitions of the Lord sent by his servants, the same God should make

make thee like unto them who did the same evill, and are now put under thy footstool; they were well warned of that which is hapned unto them, whilt they said in their hearts we are in the high seat, and our lot shall never be the switnesse of a day of revolution; but we then knew the right counsels of God, though they believed us not, but mocked us, and scorned us, and persecuted us. These things hear, the righteous do, and the Kings Dominion shall be very glorious, his Throne shall be exalted on high, it shall ring unto the ends of the earth, and spread over many seas, the head of his enemy shall be bruised with his heel, and the Scoper shall be established to his seed; he shall be all glorious within, and his glory shall shine without, remote Nations shall see it afar off, and Kings shall embrace his brightness, his palance shall be full of pleasure, and his day as the dew to the plant.

But Friend, with yearning bowels chiefly for thy prosperity sake, in the Heavenly Power, Dominion and Authority, in the virtue and life of Gods sure word of prophecy, I tell Thee, that except thou beest humble and meek, & righteous before the Lord, doing the thing (as a faithful Steward) which he requireth of thee, God even the same Lord God will assuredly shew his righteousness on thee, as he did on them which were proud and unjust before Thee. We whom the world in scorn call *Quakers*, are the true Servants of God which worship the true God in the Spirit, and are members of quietness and peace, whereforever in any Country or Land, and are Loyally subject to every just Ordinance of the higher power for conscience sake, in which in us God reigneth, and therefore again take heed that thou seeks not to reign in it, in any person, and so become a robber of God of his Throne, to provoke him to bereave Thee of Thine.

And this is of a truth the word of the Lord God unto Thee, to be suitably fulfilled according to thy obedience or disobedience of his eternall power. I had a sight of thy restoration, (in the light by which all things is made manifest) more then six months before I heard the first report of the working thereof, and now God hath confirmed it unto me, having fulfilled the same.

Finally, as a true and unfeigned lover of thy soul, my heart desireth my Father's favour, that the good may be thy perpetuall lot, that the Throne and Scepter of righteousness may be established unto Thee, and a holy seed everlastingely after Thee. Written by the Servant of the most High King of Kings, whose earthly ~~name~~ bears the name of

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